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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS DEVELOPMENTS

SUMMARY: RTG PLANS TO BURN SEIZED HEROIN DEVELOP FURTHER;
TWO TONS OF MARIJUANA BURNED; 14 KILOS OF NUMBER 3 HEROIN
SEIZED; UNIVERSITY APPLICANTS FACE URINE TESTS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS FINALIZING PLANS TO
BEGIN BURNING STOCKS OF SEIZED HEROIN. A SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH ON MARCH 17 RESULTED
IN A DECISION TO BURN THE FIRST LOT OF 500 TO 600 KILO-
GRAMS DURING APRIL. THE MINISTRY PLANS TO BURN DRUGS
SEIZED AFTER 1972 IN CASES WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN SETTLED
IN COURT. IT WILL THEN BEGIN THE DIFFICULT TASK OF MAKING
A COMPLETE INVENTORY OF DRUGS SEIZED BETWEEN 1965 AND 1972
TO DETERMINE WHAT AMOUNT IF ANY IS MISSING AND BEGIN
DESTRUCTION OF THAT STOCK. THE MINISTRY BURNED OVER
TWO TONS OF MARIJUANA ON MARCH 14 TO INITIATE ITS NEW
DESTRUCTION POLICY. THE RTG IS STILL LOOKING INTO THE
POSSIBILITY OF SELLING SEIZED MORPHINE.

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2. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS SEIZED 14 KILOGRAMS OF NUMBER 3
HEROIN ON MARCH 16. THE DRUGS WERE FOUND ON A KLM
FLIGHT BOUND FOR AMSTERDAM BY A CREW MEMBER
ON A ROUTINE CHECK OF THE AIRCRAFT. NO SUSPECTS WERE
ARRESTED, BUT POLICE ARE CONTINUING THEIR INVESTIGATION.

3. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NARCOTICS

PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION COMMITTEE, MR LIKHIT THOE-TSATHIRASAK, ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 16 THAT, BEGINNING THIS ACADEMIC YEAR, ALL STUDENTS SITTING FOR UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE URINE TESTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE BEEN TAKING DRUGS. LIKHIT SAID THAT POSITIVE RESULTS WILL NOT RPT NOT AFFECT AN APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRANCE UNLESS HE OR SHE CONTINUES TAKING DRUGS.

4. COMMENT: THE TESTS ARE DESIGNED PARTLY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON DRUG ABUSE AMONG STUDENTS AND MAY HAVE SOME USE IN THIS REGARD. LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT DRUG ABUSE PATTERNS AMONG MIDDLE AND UPPER CLASS YOUTHS HERE, AND THE NEW PROGRAM MAY HELP TO FILL THIS INFORMATION. WHITEHOUSE

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